

THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.
Reports of the President and Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. building Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. R. A. Willis. The following reports were submitted, after which plans for another year's work were discussed and decided upon:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Ladies of the Benevolent Society:

We meet in annual session for the third time since the purchase of the property on the corner of Ninth and Princess streets for a home for old ladies. During the twelve months ending at this time, nothing of an eventful nature has occurred, yet there are matters of sufficient importance to attract your attention, and to demand your interest. To my mind, the bills are more than worthy of your earnest consideration than at any time since we entered the new Home. During the winter we found it necessary to dispense with the services of a matron on account of lack of funds. We decided to try the plan of having the inmates (whose health would justify such a course) keep the house alternately. We find that this method works very well, as each one strives to emulate the others in the matter of economy, the result being that the bills are noticeably smaller, and we save the matron's salary.

Notwithstanding this, I think we would better secure the services of a permanent matron whenever we can afford it. Last spring we received two new inmates, one from the Presbyterian church, the other from the Methodist, making at that time ten inmates. One of them having recently withdrawn from the shelter of the Home for reasons satisfactory to all concerned, and Mrs. Simpson having died this fall, we stand now so far as denomination goes, three Presbyterians, three Methodists and two Episcopalians, making in all, eight inmates. We have been enabled to build two large piazzas and two complete bathrooms on the house. This is a necessary, and a necessity, and is thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the old ladies. We feel under great obligations to all who helped us procure these much needed conveniences, and particularly to our family whose liberal gift of \$100 enabled us to complete the work without any delay.

I must confess that I do not feel as much pride in this addition to the house as I would have done if it represented the work and interest of the membership. This is because the majority of them, but such it grieves me to say was not the case.

With the exception of the voluntary gifts all the money was raised by Mrs. Dudley Burkholder and one other person. The Mrs. Burkholder, having one of the ladies through a morning of this work, which was a great deal for her to do in her feeble state of health. It gives me pleasure to say that two other ladies were certainly interested, and I think would have assisted in soliciting funds had the money not been raised otherwise.

Others who were appointed to assist in the work failed us when it was too late to give up the undertaking. It is only just that special mention should be made of Mrs. Burkholder in connection, as she did very faithfully work.

I have never felt so much reluctance in writing a report of any work as I feel in trying to write this, mainly because it is necessarily of a nature that may be called censorious or fault-finding. While I disclaim any such spirit, I feel it is my duty to speak plainly of what has caused me many a heart ache, and many times tired hand and tired feet.

Some of you will understand that I refer to the utter indifference of the membership (with but few exceptions) to the work of keeping up the Home. During this summer I have not had a single member to ask me how matters were going on, or how the money was coming in, or anything in connection with the Home, notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Simpson was ill for several months, and for six months or more was compelled to have an attendant night and day.

For the last few weeks previous to her death she was as helpless as an infant, and it was with the greatest difficulty that we procured proper persons to assist in the nursing. There were times when I felt it was more responsibility than I ought to have, and that for the urgency and necessities of the case I would almost have given up.

However, the Lord in His mercy provided a way, and we have the consciousness of knowing she was tenderly cared for, and everything done for her comfort that could be done.

There were not more than six visits to the Home made by members of the society from the middle of June to the 1st of October. It is true a great many were away for a summer, yet a great number remain. I felt when the October meeting of the board of managers was called, that we would have a full attendance, and plans for winter work would be formulated and that there would be a revival of interest, but to my sorrow, only two of our us were present, and as five constituted a quorum, no meeting could be held.

We concluded that the ladies were not quite settled since returning from their summer trip, and thought best to call a meeting for the next week, which was done through the papers.

Two responded to this call. The secretary telephoned that she would come if there was any necessity of her doing so, but was not to come until the next day. It is impossible for the work to progress under such unfavorable conditions, and surely at heart we are all interested in this branch of the Master's work. What can excite or arouse one's sympathy more than providing a home for old men or old women?

It may be that some of us who are present will need a home like this some day. There are some in the Catherine Kennedy Home who, twenty years ago, little dreamed that they would end their days in a shelter of this kind. Let us shake off our indifference and from this time on determine to do all in our power to further the interests of this much needed charity and our efforts will be blessed. We have only to go on with a firm faith and with a keen trust, leaving results with Him who is amply able to take care of all work done in His name and for His sake.

with a large membership rather than to stand in the attitude of beggars all the while before the community.

A membership of 500 women at \$1.00 a year each, could easily carry on the work, together with the contributions so kindly given by members and friends.

By changing our plan we can find work for a large number of our members who, I feel sure, will give a little of their spare time to help this worthy enterprise along. As matters stand now, we have members from the Synagogue, the First Presbyterian, Grace Methodist and Lutheran churches—these being the work of the committees. There are a few from St. John's, a very few from St. Andrew's and St. James', not more than two from the Catholic and about three from the Baptist and St. Paul's churches.

These facts show the need of another method. My idea now is to have a meeting of the whole society once a quarter or once a month. There is no need of monthly meetings of the board of managers. If there should occur anything of moment between times, a meeting could easily be called. In the meantime, the executive committee composed of the officers will be sufficient for general purposes. Let a certain district, however, small, be given to each member, and let her be responsible for collecting both the fees and contributions that are promised, and the work thus systematized will certainly succeed. There is no charitable organization in the city that owns such valuable property as ours. It is worth at the lowest calculation \$5,000.

Shall we not show our pride in this institution by giving a little of our time to help support it? That is all that is required—a little time—for people will, and do, respond to the appeal. I do not find it disagreeable work, that of securing members. I have been refused but once this summer, and that in the kindest manner. I find people, as a rule, are glad to know something of the way in which we manage to support the Home, besides the little they see in the daily papers, and many times I have been told by persons they had never been upon before, and had known nothing of the work until I told them, and so without hesitation I received names that might have been lost to us but for the personal solicitation.

We are under great obligations to The Messenger, Star and Dispatch for so kindly giving us the space each month for our notices, and to The Messenger and Dispatch for the gift of the paper. The daily reading of the papers is an unending source of pleasure to the ladies in the Home. I cannot but mention especially the young men who helped so considerably with our expenses this summer. I refer to the two games of base ball played at Hilton for our benefit. It was a touching tribute from youth to age, and that was thoroughly appreciated, and will not soon be forgotten.

With the earnest hope that the membership will feel in the future that personal service and interest is as much needed as the payment of dues, and that they will be willing to aid in the support of the Home, and will visit it often. I close this, my annual report.

MRS. ROGER MOORE, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Roger Moore, President:
Dear Madam: The following is my report of the receipts and disbursements of the Catherine Kennedy Home for the year ending October 31, 1897:

Receipts.	Disbursements.
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April.....113.06	31.04
May.....73.75	32.30
June.....18.25	48.28
July.....34.20	44.49
August.....17.50	67.82
September.....73.10	33.60
October.....66.00	40.93
Totals.....\$565.96	\$503.21

One hundred dollars has been paid in by the Epworth League of Grace Methodist church for a life membership for an inmate of the Catherine Kennedy Home.

Very respectfully,
MRS. W. R. FRENCH, Treasurer.

The following officers were re-elected:
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(Chicago Chronicle.)
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Upon her accession to the throne Victoria made the easy concession of all the hereditary revenues of the crown and the proceeds of the royal estates in exchange for a permanent civil list amounting to some millions of pounds annually. These revenues were greater than this sum, but the cost and annoyance of collection were such that the trade for the queen was a good one. These millions are to the queen, but the British people must in addition to supporting the queen thus handsomely contribute to the support of the immense number of Hanoverians of the royal house for whom she is responsible. The expense of these amounts to nearly \$1,000,000 more annually. Certain of the princes of the blood royal, headed by the heir apparent, are chargeable upon the army and navy as generals, admirals, colonels, etc.; they also have various allowances for keeping up palaces that appertain to their place.

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BRITISH CRITICISMS

What the London Newspapers Say About the Success of Tammany in Tuesday's Election

London, November 3.—The elections in the United States continue to overshadow all the other news in the English newspapers.

The Sun of this city, of which newspaper Harry Marks has editorial control, says: "The dog returned to his vomit, is the text we recommend pious New York to hang on parlor walls. The chief city of a great people must see its municipal offices filled with men who should be filling cells in the penitentiary. New York has fallen like rotten fruit into the hands of the bootlickers; but the New Yorkers may console themselves with saying that every city, as every land, has its government of desecrators."

The Evening News remarks: "Croker has brought off his tip and has won his race, showing that he is more to be feared in the natural arena of politics than on the race course. The population of the second greatest city in the world has elected his ruler, and the morning after election he is seen in New York, did not relate to the government of the city, but to squaring and rewarding his supporters. The experiment of democracy as seen in the growth in New York seems to have its drawbacks as well as its advantages."

The St. James Gazette thinks: "The reason Americans allow themselves to be dominated by a clique whose members would on this side of the Atlantic, sooner or later find themselves in the criminal dock, is that American politicians, by giving a little of their time to help support it? That is all that is required—a little time—for people will, and do, respond to the appeal. I do not find it disagreeable work, that of securing members. I have been refused but once this summer, and that in the kindest manner. I find people, as a rule, are glad to know something of the way in which we manage to support the Home, besides the little they see in the daily papers, and many times I have been told by persons they had never been upon before, and had known nothing of the work until I told them, and so without hesitation I received names that might have been lost to us but for the personal solicitation."

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORT.

Wilmington, N. C., November 3.
Receipts of cotton today—1,228 bales. Receipts same day last year—259 bales. This season's receipts to date—151,225 bales.

Receipts to same date last year—123,044 bales.

The quotations posted at a o'clock today at the exchange.

Cotton—Quiet.

Good ordinary.....2 1/2
Low middling.....2 1/4
Middling.....2 3/4
Good middling.....2 5/8
Same day last year.....2 1/2

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine—Nothing doing.

Rosin steady at \$1.15 and \$1.20.

Tar steady at \$1.10.

Crude turpentine steady; hard \$1.40; yellow \$1.45; whole \$1.50.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25c; rosin \$1.50 and \$1.55; tar \$1.00; crude turpentine \$1.20, \$1.25 and \$1.30.

Receipts today—101 casks spirits turpentine, 455 barrels rosin, 284 barrels tar, 43 barrels crude turpentine.

Receipts to same date last year—127 casks spirits turpentine, 431 barrels rosin, 23 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Peanuts—North Carolina, prime \$5.00 per bushel; extra prime, 45c; fancy, 72c.

Virginia—Extra prime, 40c; fancy, 72c.

Rice—Uplands, \$5.00; lowlands, \$1.00.

Corn—47c; 50c.

North Carolina Bacon—Hams, 10c; shoulders, 6c; sides, 7c.

Chickens—Dull; spring 10c; hens 15c.

Eggs—Dull at 15c.

Shingles—Per 1,000 five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.50; six inch, \$2.00.

Timber at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per 1,000 feet.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

FINANCIAL.

New York, November 3.—Money on call at 1 1/2 per cent; last loan at 1 1/2 per cent. Closed offered at 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3 1/4 per cent.

Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4 1/2 per cent for demand and 4 3/4 per cent for sixty days.

Commercial bills at 4 1/2 per cent. Silver certificates 57 1/2 per cent. Bar silver 57 1/2 per cent. Mexican dollars 57 1/2 per cent. Bonds—strong; state bonds 100; railroad bonds weak.

STOCKS.

Atchafalpa.....13 1/2 W. & L. E.....1 1/2

B. & O.....21 1/2 Adams, E. pre.....11 1/4

Ches. & Ohio.....21 1/2 Adams, E. post.....10 1/2

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New York, November 3.—Flour moderately active, closed weak and lower.

Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2, red \$1.07 1/2.

Options opened steady on cables of foreign buying, declined under a big increase in Bradstreet's visible, rallied on heavy export trading.

Options on liquidation, closed heavy at 10 1/2 net loss. May closed at 9 1/4; December closed at 8 1/2.

Corn—Spot weak; No. 2, 2 1/2. Options opened steady with wheat, eased off under prospective larger receipts and the late break in wheat, closing 1/4 net lower. May closed at 3 1/4; December closed at 2 1/4.